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MassNAHRO presentation of description of two (2) approaches to reorganization, Mandatory Public Housing Management System and Central Service Group. Both approaches assume that additional resources will be necessary to build out the capacity that is contemplated.

	Description	Governance	Admin and Staffing Funds	Benefits/Outcomes	Challenges/Limitations
Mandatory Public Housing Management System	Form a single, consolidated housing authority property management system consisting of local site staff, regional supervision and technical assistance and centralized back-office functions. Participation in the system would be mandatory for all small and medium LHAs with state-only hard units and Sec. 8 (170 LHAs) and optional for all other housing authorities. Housing authorities that have persistent operating problems and low performance measures could also be required to utilize this system.	Maintain local boards to function in an ownership and development capacity and link local boards to the governance of the operating system. From a single governance structure to oversee the property management system that is accountable to Governor, legislature, housing authorities and residents. The subcommittee considered a large governance structure with all 170 LHAs meeting twice each year and electing a governing board of 11 to 13 that would meet monthly. Upon further consideration, DHCD recommends consideration of a simpler approach with a board of 13, 5 of which are LHA members elected on a regional basis, 4 of which are appointed by the Governor and would need to have extensive housing experience, 2 residents (with a history of involvement and likely appointed by the Governor) and 2 members from DHCD and ANF.	Majority of existing funds shift to public housing management system to cover site office, site managers and site maintenance/custodial staff. Small portion of funds remain with LHA to cover asset manager. Build out of this system will require an estimated at \$8.5 to \$12 million increase over existing funds to pay for central and regional supervision and TA and centralized back office functions.	 Operations Invests in highly trained central and regional staff Improves local services by local staff on site-based activities and expanding access to professional supports Governance	 Operations More complicated and costly transition due to current staff contracts that must be transitioned. Some local administration functions & staff (e.g., bookkeeping) shift to central office Governance Governance of new management system could be complicated Government Oversight
Central Service Group. All LHAs with fewer then 200 units will have mandatory participation. All other LHAs will be voluntary.	Form a single, consolidated housing authority property management system consisting of local site staff, regional supervision and technical assistance and centralized back-office functions. Participation in the system would be mandatory for all LHAs with fewer then 200 units and optional for all other housing authorities.	Maintain local boards to function in an ownership and development capacity and link local boards to the governance of the operating system. From a single governance structure to oversee the property management system that is accountable to Governor, legislature, housing authorities and residents. The board will consist of 13 members 9 of which LHA members are elected regionally by LHAs, three residents elected by Mass Union and one governor appointee.	Work out future operating funds based on separate budgets back to LHAs. Build out of this system will require an estimated at \$8.5 to \$12 million increase over existing funds to pay for central and regional supervision and TA and centralized back office functions.	 Operations Invests in highly trained central and regional staff Improves local services by local staff on site-based activities and expanding access to professional supports Governance Governance of operations becomes highly skilled and more accountable Local governance focused on high priority issues of ownership & development 	 Operations More complicated and costly transition due to current staff contracts that must be transitioned. Some local administration functions & staff (e.g., bookkeeping) shift to central office Governance Local boards must have ability to control the central services group if systems fail. Stipulations Same number of jobs resulting in no job loss. Additional hiring should follow Section 3 of federal government